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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed June 24, 2009, with a shortened statutory period of three months for response. Accordingly this response is timely filed. Reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

A listing of claims begins on page 8 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.